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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, but ranged steady to weak. Retail demand was irregular with some areas slightly better, but most were moderate at best. Food service was light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample with some discounting still noted, but not as extensive as before. In the parts structure, movement was light, and supplies of all items were at least adequate or readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in full range.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 to 80.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 68.25 cents last year on August 6, 2003.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	254.50
BREASTS - B/S	221.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	124.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	105.00
LEG QUARTERS	34.00
WINGS	117.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was no better than steady to instances weak. Retail demand was light to fair with first of the month business below par; food service was moderate at best. Supplies were more than sufficient to handle limited trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light with supplies of all items at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was slow during midweek trading. Offerings of the 3 pound and larger birds were at least sufficient. The 2.5 pound sizes were in the longer position, however, discounting was less prevalent today. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were readily available. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate. Wings were sufficient.

**MIDWEST** Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady to weak. Offerings were fully sufficient; reduced price levels were the rule for inducing trade buying. Fill in trade noted on whole fryers at 59 cents into the St. Louis area. Retail movement covered the full range, mostly light to moderate and somewhat improved over prior trade period. Food service demand was unchanged, light to moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate with buying patterns hand to mouth as market adjusts. Weights desirable to heavy. Parts trade was very light on fully adequate offerings. The market tone was unsettled on wings, barely steady on leg quarters and barely steady to weak on remaining parts.

**WESTERN** The market tone was steady to barely steady. Offerings in fairly good balance on light weight product with heavier weights ample for full trade needs. Buying activity focused on current needs. Retailer demand was moderate to fairly good; best to cover feature activities, particularly on parts. Floor stocks generally adequate. Trade sentiment was barely steady on parts with breasts in the weakest position.

## CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 07/31/04	2004	2003	<u>PREVIOUS YEAR</u>
EGGS SET	214,473	206,636	+04
CHICKS PLACED	172,155	167,589	+03

## BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 31, 2004. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 31, 2004. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through July 31, 2004 were 5.33 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 11-Sep-04 is estimated at 159.0 million head. This compares to 160.0 million head the previous week and to 157.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 160.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 63.61 cents per pound.

AUG 03 **SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** AUG 04  
 F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	666	165.00-235.00	170-175	176.48
TENDERLOINS	211	200.00-245.00	200-215	210.88
BREAST - LINE RUN	66	119.00-132.00	119-122	122.83
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	34.00-57.00	36-38	38.48
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	510	24.00-31.00	26-27	26.53
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	923	26.00-37.00	28-29	28.12
WINGS (WHOLE)	235	96.00-112.00	-	103.11
WINGS (CUT)	363	114.00-122.00	114-119	117.63
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR  
 AUGUST 03, 2004 -- FOB DOCK

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	528	168.00-235.00	170-175	174.66
TENDERLOINS	213	200.00-245.00	200-210	209.39
BREAST - LINE RUN	91	115.00-132.00	119-122	121.12
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	76	32.00-57.00	35-37	35.89
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	510	23.00-31.00	26-27	26.45
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	867	25.00-32.00	27-29	27.63
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	92.00-112.00	92-95	97.21
WINGS (CUT)	422	114.00-119.00	115-119	116.30
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	140	68.00-128.00	-	80.78

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR  
 AUGUST 04, 2004 -- FOB DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
60.00 - 65.00	61.84	52.50 - 62.00	57.03	60.56

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was very light and unaggressive during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items were readily available at discounted levels. Dark meat items were fully sufficient. Wings were at least adequate. Retail and distributive draw was seasonally slow. The market tone was barely steady to weak.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

AUG 03	CURRENT NEG	WTD			CURRENT NEG	WTD	AUG 04
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	200	192.77	744,122	BREAST - B/S	195-200	196.21	534,686
TENDERLOINS	220	201.82	253,280	TENDERLOINS	220	210.90	162,620
BREAST - WITH RIBS	113-114	118.33	97,560	BREAST - WITH RIBS	111-112	121.06	118,600
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	110.09	156,920	BREAST - LINE RUN	111	115.20	129,760
LEGS	49-50	43.86	275,960	LEGS	48-49	45.90	165,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	32.91	459,498	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	33.91	323,285
DRUMSTICKS	40-41	41.46	172,720	DRUMSTICKS	39-40	40.30	134,849
THIGHS	35-36	45.53	106,240	THIGHS	35-36	47.01	98,130
B/S THIGHS	95-96	89.18	104,120	B/S THIGHS	95-96	89.05	56,000
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	97.48	144,460	WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	105.76	175,520
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.87	37,440	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.78	37,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	24.47	18,360	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	26.03	17,560
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	58.61	17,040	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.83	23,600

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

					AVG				AVG
	<u>ESTIMATED</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>WTS</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>WTS</u>	
	08/04	08/03	08/02	07/30	08/02	07/30	07/28	07/26	
Alabama	4,012	3,997	3,747	4,203	5.27	5.15	3,669	5.26	
Arkansas	5,469	5,456	5,435	5,658	5.15	4.89	5,449	5.12	
Delmarva	1,927	2,259	2,285	2,071	5.65	5.54	2,223	5.59	
KY-LA-TN	2,090	2,036	2,112	2,249	5.07	4.91	2,113	5.01	
Mississip	3,026	3,048	3,016	3,493	5.45	5.32	3,045	5.39	
North Car	2,479	2,512	2,328	2,732	6.34	6.34	2,486	6.28	
Texas	2,158	2,497	2,529	2,936	5.15	5.23	2,455	5.16	
Total	21,161	21,805	21,452	23,342	5.39	5.27	21,440	5.36	
Mon-Wed	64,897(A)				63,997(A)				

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Aug-04

is estimated to be 31,659,000 head down 1.60 percent from a week ago and up 1.05 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,173,000, last year 31,331,000)

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	95-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	78-83
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 116
	ICE PACK 107-109
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 110
	ICE PACK 108-109
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 93-95
	ICE PACK 93
DUCKS	170-185

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 07-AUG-04

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	08/07/04 (1)	07/31/04
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	164,904 (2)	166,810
LT HENS	1,460	1,465
HVY HENS	1,577	1,484
CHECK TOTAL	167,941	169,759

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 07-Aug-04 is 164.8 million head compared to 162.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.2 million head or 0.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 14-Aug-04 the estimated available is 165.1 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 08/02/04	197,542	54,909
AM 07/01/04	197,449	57,329
CHG	93	-2,420
PCT CHG	0	-4

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	08/02/04	07/26/04	08/04/03	08/02/04	07/26/04	08/04/03
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	9,350	9,335	17,289	5,384	5,409	7,746
<b>LOS</b>						
<b>ANGELES</b>	385	350	147	4,162	4,046	3,018

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2004

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	68-70
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	70-79

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 08/03/04

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	3.50	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	1.00	3.00	-
BROILERS lb.	.35	.45	.40	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	.40	1.80	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	3.00	3.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.20	1.25	1.22	ROOSTERS ea.	1.25	6.75	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	1.50	4.00	-
RABBITS lb.	.50	.90	.76	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.50	5.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS 70							

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending July 30, 2004

	Whole <u>Chickens</u>	Breasts	Legs <u>W/ Thighs</u>	Necks, Backs <u>&amp; Wings</u>	Livers/ <u>Gizzards</u>	Hens
RAYON						
Low	68.87	127.39	79.62	15.92	15.92	43.79
High	69.67	131.37	87.58	19.90	19.90	43.79
Mostly	69.27	127.39	87.58	15.92	15.92	43.79

**SAN JUAN**

Low	68.47	119.43	79.62	11.94	15.92	43.79
High	69.67	127.39	87.58	19.90	19.90	43.79
Mostly	69.27	127.39	79.62	15.92	15.92	43.79

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	68.87	119.43	79.62	11.94	15.92	47.77
High	69.67	127.39	87.58	19.90	19.90	47.77
Mostly	69.27	127.39	79.62	15.92	15.92	47.77

**BECERRA**

Low	69.27	127.39	79.62	15.92	15.92	47.77
High	70.07	131.37	87.58	19.90	19.90	47.77
Mostly	69.27	127.39	87.58	15.92	19.90	47.77

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was at best fair. Seller offerings were fully sufficient and buyers generally limited receipts to light immediate needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to light with some unscheduled downtime noted. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower at 73 to 89 cents. Trade sentiment remained about steady. In the parts complex, supplies were at least adequate with leg items in the heavier balance.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED
	U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	69-91
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	76.20
NO. OF BOXES	6,840

\*7 of 7 plants reporting.

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